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## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We, Alan F. Rodriguez, Jr., Christopher W. Cross, Dorwin Shields, Jr., and David T. Meckenstock, joint inventors herein, hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR CREDIT DATA TRANSMISSION",

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of any claim in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

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